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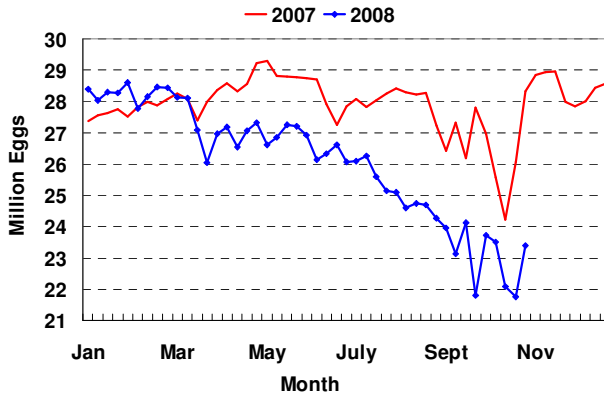
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 8 Percent from Last Year

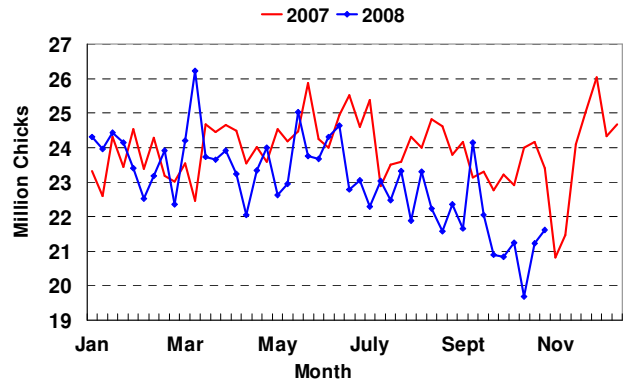
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 21.6 million during the week ending November 8, 2008. Placements were down 8 percent from the comparable week in 2007 but up 2 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending November 8, 2008, down 17 percent from the same period last year but up 8 percent from the previous week.

Eggs Set In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Chicks Placed In Arkansas, 2007-2008



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, October 11, 2008 - November 8, 2008

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	1-Nov	8-Nov	11-Oct	18-Oct	25-Oct	1-Nov	8-Nov
	<i>Thousand</i>					<i>Thousand</i>				
Alabama	27,587	27,511 *	27,211	25,754	26,219	18,916	20,140	19,224	19,192	19,554
Arkansas	23,722	23,521 *	22,096	21,763	23,396	20,824	21,236	19,683	21,212	21,622
Delaware	3,294	3,189	3,048	2,966	2,996	4,233	4,927	4,389	4,160	4,264
Florida	1,221	1,165	1,150	1,243	1,226	1,020	1,043	1,035	931	880
Georgia	30,336	28,723 *	29,302	28,292 *	29,250	26,012	26,370	24,490	25,262 *	23,627
Kentucky	7,172 *	6,538 *	7,397	7,282	7,034	5,087 *	6,278 *	5,545 *	6,026 *	5,355
Louisiana	3,470	3,152	2,740	3,314	3,440	3,204	3,253	3,078	3,032	2,988
Maryland	7,877	7,964	8,560	8,351	8,610	5,126	5,115	4,754	5,604	5,443
Mississippi	17,225	16,295	16,829	15,440	17,941	16,258	13,969	14,501	15,134	14,372
N. Carolina	16,896	17,726 *	18,227	18,022	18,096	14,592	14,746	14,111	13,869	14,509
Oklahoma	7,340	6,953 *	6,973	6,727 *	6,846	3,715	5,381	4,752	4,665 *	3,960
Pennsylvania	4,210	3,085	3,265 *	3,744 *	3,589	2,902	3,087	3,114 *	3,300 *	2,480
S. Carolina	5,359	5,527	5,526	5,126	5,426	4,986	5,077	4,045	4,387	4,658
Texas	14,873 *	14,106 *	13,805 *	13,097 *	15,310	11,188 *	11,837 *	12,122 *	12,577 *	11,977
Virginia	6,156	5,815	6,013	5,742	5,186	5,007	5,267	4,310	4,462	4,516
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,119 *	17,845 *	17,703 *	17,994 *	18,436	16,989 *	14,972 *	15,256	14,801	15,078
19 State Total	194,857 *	189,115 *	189,845 *	184,857 *	193,001	160,059 *	162,698 *	154,409 *	158,614 *	155,283
Prev. Year Total	208,741	202,695	201,890	205,754	217,195	173,217	169,336	174,787	171,270	167,073
% of Prev. Year	93	93	94	90	89	92	96	88	93	93

* Revised in current week.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set In 19 Selected States Down 11 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-State weekly program set 193 million eggs in incubators during the week ending November 8, 2008. This was down 11 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler Chicks Placed Down 7 Percent

Broiler growers in the 19-State weekly program placed 155 million chicks for meat production during the week ending November 8, 2008. Placements were down 7 percent from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2007 through November 8, 2008 were 7.82 billion, down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.